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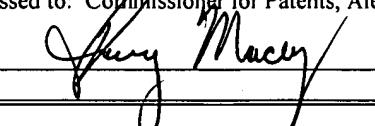
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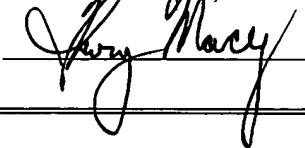
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application, a copy of each of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- With the patent application filing.
- Within three months of the application filing date or before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

Applicants further bring the attention of the Examiner to the following co-owned pending patent application:

U.S. Serial No. 09/090,305 filed June 3, 1998 and the related continuation application Serial No. 10/364,064 filed February 10, 2003

U.S. Serial No. 09/089,884 filed June 3, 1998 and the related continuation application Serial No. 10/439,973 filed May 16, 2003

U.S. Serial No. 10/188,013 filed July 1, 2002, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/259,705, now U.S. Patent No. 6,514,265

U.S. Serial No. 09/260,623 filed March 1, 1999 and the related continuation application Serial No. 10/208,405 filed July 29, 2002

U.S. Serial No. 09/686,004 filed October 10, 2000

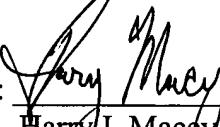
U.S. Serial No. 10/120,579 filed April 10, 2002

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